



## Licensure examination pass rates

Status: Making progress

Kentucky licensure examination pass rates										
Licensure Examination	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	National Pass Rate**
NCLEX-Bachelor's	90%	90%	88%	95%	89%	94%	91%	90%	NA	86%
NCLEX-Associate	88%	86%	92%	92%	92%	90%	90%	88%	NA	85%
NCLEX-Practical Nursing	88%	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	95%	91%	NA	88%
Physical Therapy	90%*	74%*	88%*	82%	83%	67%	83%	89%	91%	89%
Engineering	75%*	77%*	83%*	85%*	81%*	86%*	74%*	65%*	79%*	77%
Kentucky Bar Exam	86%*	83%*	81%	78%	76%	69%	72%	85%*	86%*	NA
National Dental Board Exam	97%*	98%*	98%*	NA	96%*	92%*	98%*	99%*	96%*	94%
Pharmacy	97%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	NA	NA
Medicine	96%*	96%*	91%*	95%*	100%*	94%*	95%*	92%*	96%*	92%
Radiologic Technology	92%*	87%*	89%*	88%*	85%*	91%*	91%*	95%*	98%*	89%
Respiratory Care	85%*	75%*	88%*	91%*	81%*	91%*	78%*	86%*	92%*	79%

\* The average pass rate for KY publics is used in place of state pass rate.

\*\* The national pass rate reflects the most current year available, which may not match the year of the most recent Kentucky result.  
Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky licensing boards.

### Highlights

- On the 11 licensure exams tracked by the Council, the pass rate increased on six, fell on four, and remained unchanged on one from the previous year.
- Kentucky's pass rate on every licensure exam tracked by the Council exceeds the national pass rate.

### About this measure

Performance on professional licensure examinations is a strong indicator of college graduates' readiness for life and work in Kentucky. Licensure exams directly measure students' employability in their chosen fields and provide a useful comparison to other states.

This indicator tracks annual pass rates for participating public institutions for each professional exam. The most recent national pass rate available is included to provide a context for understanding these results. The performance goal in any given year is to exceed the national pass rate.